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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 55.7 degrees, 0.6 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, May 9. Precipitation averaged 0.55 inches, 0.33 inches above normal. Growing degree days were one point below normal.

Reporters rated 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, May 7. This is 1.6 days more than last year but 0.9 days less than the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	3.0	3.8	18.2
2003	1.4	5.6	23.2
1999-2003 Average	3.9	5.0	23.3

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	2	64	34
Last Week	2	5	64	29
Same Week Last Year	0	2	40	58
1999-2003 Average	3	17	51	29

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 9

Corn growers have 62 percent of their crop planted, compared to 85 percent last year and 62 percent for the five-year average. Twenty-two percent of corn has emerged. This is two days behind 2003 but slightly ahead of the 1999-03 average. Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 89 percent jointed, this one day ahead of last year's progress but one day behind the five-year average.

Approximately three percent of winter wheat is headed. Eighty-four percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is nine days behind 2003 and five days behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate that 56 percent of oats have emerged. This is five days behind the previous year and five days behind the 1999-03 average. **Soybean** producers have 28 percent of their crop planted. This is seven days behind last year and three days behind the five-year average. Four percent of the soybean acreage has emerged compared to six percent last year and 10 percent for the five year average. Approximately 57 percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is four days behind last year, and slightly behind the 1999-2003 average.

Apples are 99 percent in green tip and 96 percent in full bloom, compared to 100 percent in green tip and 96 percent in full bloom last year. **Peaches** are 99 percent in green tip and 92 percent in full bloom, compared to 100 and 96 percent respectively in 2003.

Ohio was hit by another frost this past Tuesday but temperatures rebounded with highs in the eighties later in the week. Excessive precipitation is keeping many farmers out of the fields, but in drier areas it was business as usual. Producers planted corn, oats and soybeans in drier locations. Fruit growers checked apples, peaches, and strawberries for damage from Tuesday night's frost. Vegetable producers planted sweet corn, peppers and set tomatoes.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Like the previous week another frost hit this past Tuesday night and severely damaged the peaches in the northern part of the state. Field crops and greenhouse plants escaped with little or no damage. Respondents have indicated some corn plants are showing a yellow discoloration caused by frost and cool daytime temperatures.

Livestock was rated at 81 percent good to excellent condition compared to 80 percent the previous week. Pasture condition was rated at 72 percent good to excellent compared to 73 percent the previous week.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 9

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples green tip	99	100	98	96	NA
Apples blooming	96	96	92	61	NA
Corn planted	62	85	62	52	63
Corn emerged	22	27	19	5	18
Oats planted	84	100	92	61	77
Oats emerged	56	73	72	28	39
Peaches green tip	99	100	98	92	NA
Peaches Blooming	92	96	93	60	NA
Potatoes planted	57	67	60	47	NA
Soybeans planted	28	45	35	23	12
Soybeans emerged	4	6	10	NA	NA
Winter wheat jointed	89	87	90	71	NA
Winter wheat headed	3	3	3	3	39

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 9

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	3	26	49	17
Previous Week	3	3	26	56	12
Previous Year	0	1	19	64	16
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	4	25	55	16
Previous Week	0	2	20	63	15
Previous Year	1	2	17	63	17
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	16	63	18
Previous Week	1	2	17	65	15
Previous Year	0	4	13	70	15
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	24	56	16
Previous Week	0	3	24	58	15
Previous Year	1	4	22	58	15
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	10	4	23	46	17
Previous Week	6	3	21	56	14
Previous Year	0	5	20	59	16
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	20	55	21
Previous Week	1	4	22	55	18
Previous Year	1	2	14	55	28

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 9

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	54.2	-1.6	0.54	-0.16	2.58	-1.67	57	-7	284	36
North Central	53.7	-1.6	0.68	-0.07	4.35	0.11	56	-5	252	14
Northeast	53.3	-1.0	0.81	0.08	5.20	0.89	61	1	237	5
West Central	56.9	0.3	0.41	-0.45	3.77	-1.00	68	1	297	21
Central	56.3	-0.5	0.49	-0.43	5.16	0.41	69	-1	296	3
Central Hills	54.4	-0.9	0.76	-0.11	5.31	0.67	62	-1	260	1
Northeast Hills	54.0	-1.6	0.71	-0.10	5.36	0.89	63	-2	271	-1
Southwest	59.1	1.2	0.22	-0.87	4.79	-0.68	79	6	329	14
South Central	58.2	0.1	0.50	-0.54	5.51	0.78	76	-2	355	3
Southeast	55.9	-1.0	0.55	-0.41	5.33	0.65	70	-2	322	9
STATE	55.7	-0.6	0.55	-0.33	4.70	0.05	67	-1	294	11

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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